

## City of Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting

Date	March 9, 2016
Location	Library Garden Room

### Commission Members:

Name	Present	Absent	Remote
Jeffrey Wolfgang	X		
Bill Tolos		X	
Doris Matte	X		
Mary Ann Guichard	X		
Sheela Tallamraju	X		
Marshal Haneisen	X		
Sharon Tardiff	X		

Guest: Amy LeBlanc, Eric Rodriguez, Counsellor Joel Kaddy

Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Due to additional guests and time factors, agenda topics were covered out of order from the agenda. Items discussed in the below order:

Item 1: Eric Rodriguez introduced himself and described the Go! Fitchburg public transportation campaign.

Item 2: Councilor Joel Kaddy presented an explanation of his proposal to address traffic safety on Main Street and Boulder Drive, as well as the Complete Streets criteria.

Item 3: Teleconference with Mike Minucci, SPSA of Fitchburg High School, to inquire if Best Buddies and Unified Sports participants would volunteer for the Disability Awareness Month Community Resource Event.

Item 4: Marci Haneisen provided a brief update on the Disability Awareness Month planning progress and presented a proposed announcement to be printed and emailed to promote the month's activities.

Item 5: Amy LeBlanc presented the plans for the River Street renovations project explaining the key features that address possible matters relative to disability, access and safety.

Item 6: The commission discussed the status update of the Sam Pawlak Community Playground group's efforts at raising funds for an accessible playground to be built at Coolidge Park.

Item 7: Education Subcommittee/SPED – Marci Haneisen reported that the subcommittee’s focus has been working with the schools on organizing their participation in the Disability Awareness Month activities.

Item 8: Housing/Wallace Towers – Doris Matte reported that she left a message with the contact for Wallace Towers to inquire about the door and patio access issue. She is awaiting a return phone call.

Item 9: New Business – Doris shared information regarding a Transition Resource Fair to be held at Perkins School for the Blind – information available on the Perkins website, as well as two magazine articles she found on disability topics.

Item 10: The commission voted unanimously to accept the February minutes as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the library Garden Room.